

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 18-35, 40, 45, 46, 57 and 58 are pending in the present application. Claim 34 has been amended to more fully describe the present invention. In particular, the following compounds have been deleted from claim 34:

5-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-[Z]-ylmethylene)-3-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one (see page 8 of the Reply)

5-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-[Z]-ylmethylene)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-methoxy-phenyl)-thiazolidin-4-one (see page 9 of the Reply)

The reasons the deleted compounds are no longer within the scope of the claims is that for these two compounds, R3 and R4 together form an ethylenedioxy ring, a possibility that has been removed due to the election of Group II.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, an early notification of which is requested.

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